

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An information processing apparatus,  
comprising:

5 means for displaying a plurality of saved files  
and a plurality of folders representing categories  
which classify the plurality of files on a window;

means for selecting one of the plurality of  
displayed folders;

10 means for clearing the plurality of folders and  
the plurality of files which are displayed; and

means for displaying a plurality of another  
folders as selective candidates in a category  
represented by a selected folder and the plurality of  
files.

15 2. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein  
one or more folders, which are not selected, of the  
plurality of folders are not displayed.

3. The apparatus according to claim 2, further  
comprising:

20 means for further selecting one of the plurality  
of another folders;

means for clearing the plurality of another  
folders and the plurality of files which are displayed;  
and

25 means for displaying one or more files correspond-  
ing to a category represented by a further selected  
folder.

4. The apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the other files which do not correspond to the category represented by the further selected folder are not displayed.

5           5. The apparatus according to any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein the means for displaying includes displaying the folders together with character strings which represent the categories.

10           6. The apparatus according to any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein the means for displaying includes displaying the folders on a first display area on the window and displaying the files on a second display area on the window.

15           7. The apparatus according to any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein the plurality of files include a file having a thumbnail image.

            8. A display control method, comprising:  
            displaying a plurality of saved files and a plurality of folders representing categories which  
20           classify the plurality of files on a window;

            causing to select one of the plurality of displayed folders; and

            clearing the plurality of folders and the plurality of files which are displayed, and displaying  
25           a plurality of other folders as selective candidates in a category represented by a selected folder and the plurality of files, when one of the plurality of

displayed folders is selected.

9. The method according to claim 8, wherein one or more folders, which are not selected, of the plurality of folders are not displayed.

5        10. The method according to claim 8, further comprising:

causing to further select one of the plurality of another folders; and

10        clearing the plurality of other folders and the plurality of files which are displayed, and displaying one or more files corresponding to a category represented by a further selected folder, when one of the plurality of another folders is further selected.

15        11. The method according to claim 10, wherein the other files which do not correspond to the category represented by the further selected folder are not displayed.

20        12. The method according to any one of claims 8 to 11, wherein the displaying includes displaying the folders together with character strings which represent the categories.

25        13. The method according to any one of claims 8 to 11, wherein the displaying includes displaying the folders on a first display area on the window and displaying the files on a second display area on the window.

14. The method according to any one of claims 8 to

11, wherein the plurality of files include a file having a thumbnail image.